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25 January 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: General Counsel

SUBJECT: Declassification of the Murphy Commission Transcript

1. The attached transcript reflects the views of the DDI, DDO, and DDSGT on what would have to be deleted to make the subject transcript unclassified. There are a few areas in which it is clear that the subject matter is now classified, but in which the directorates are willing to have the DCI make his remarks unclassified if he should choose to do so. They are as follows:

a. On page 9, the first full paragraph beginning with "That was a way of expressing the charge of conducting espionage..." Is there today a good reason to deny that the US has a mechanism for directing the conduct of espionage?

b. On page 14, the first full paragraph on the page.

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c. On page 57, beginning in the first paragraph with "This, of course, is why we got into the war in Laos..." and carrying through the middle of page 58; then picking up again after certain deletions on page 58 with the paragraph "When the cease fire was arranged last January..." and carrying to Mr. Murphy's first question on page 59. This section describes how CIA got into the Laos war, etc. Can some or all of this go into the open record to begin to set matters straight?

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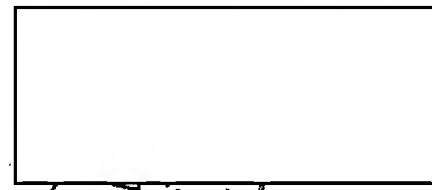
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e. On page 101, the paragraph about mid-page which begins 'What happened in 1959 was that a General in the Cambodian Army...' through page 102 as marked. This is the story of why Sihanouk thinks we tried to overthrow him in 1959, and it seems that this would be a good story to have out in the open. DCI choice.

2. All other sections underlined in red should be considered by the Commission as classified TOP SECRET.

3. I recommend that the matters in paragraph 1 above be referred to the DCI, along with the attached letter to the Commission from him. I can deliver the letter and mark the Commission transcript next week.



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Attachments:

1. Murphy Commission Testimony (notebook)
2. Letter from DCI to the Commission

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